

Torrance, California.
January 24th., 1933.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chamber at Torrance, California, January 24th., 1933, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Klusman.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10th., 1933, and the minutes of a special meeting of January 17th., 1933, be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Pacific Electric Railway Company, addressed to F.R. Leonard, City Engineer, granting consent to pave the extension of Cravens Avenue across their right of way on Torrance Boulevard. Councilman Ludlow moved the letter be filed, which motion was seconded by Councilman Hitchcock and carried unanimously. Councilman Wright moved that the Street Department be authorized to complete the improvement of the crossing, the motion seconded by Councilman Hitchcock and carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Standard Oil Company of California, addressed to F.R. Leonard, City Engineer, stipulating the conditions under which Standard Oil Company would furnish deed for widening of Sepulveda Boulevard. After general discussion of this matter, Councilman Ludlow moved the City Engineer be instructed to draft a letter to the Standard Oil Company calling attention to certain impossible conditions contained in their proposal, the motion seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, and carried unanimously. The letter from the Standard Oil Company was ordered filed.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce with reference to a resolution adopted by the directorate of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at a recent meeting, urging completion as early as possible of the outfall sewer into the Pacific Ocean. Mayor Klusman reported he attended a meeting of the Sanitary Sewer District today in the office of the Board of Supervisors. A large delegation from San Pedro also attended the meeting to protest against the outfall. Chairman, Mr. Shaw, appointed a committee of one from each Board to take this matter up, the committee to meet within 90 days.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce enclosing copies of communications and resolutions concerning proposed increase in public utility taxation by the State of California. Clerk Bartlett read the enclosed copies of communications and resolutions concerning taxation on public utilities. Councilman Ludlow moved this be laid on the table for the present time. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow moved the gasoline bid of the General Petroleum Corporation of California be accepted for twelve months, beginning on February 1st., 1933, and ending January 31st., 1934, and all other bids be rejected. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 239.

AN ORDINANCE CANCELLING ORDINANCE NO. 100
GRANTING FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT SPUR TRACK
ACROSS AND ALONG BORDER AVENUE AND 222ND.
STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Wright moved that Ordinance No. 239 be adopted. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock recommended the purchase of 100 ft. of sewer rods at \$1.25 a coupling. Councilman Ludlow moved sufficient funds be appropriated to purchase sewer rods. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Klusman stated he had several complaints from property owners near the Health Center, that employees at the Health Center and customers park their cars in front of their property. Councilman Conner stated the committee will investigate and protect the property owners who have complained and will see that proper markers for park zone are placed if necessary.

Councilman Ludlow inquired if the fire plug in Lomita had been installed. No report as to it having been placed ready for service.

Councilman Ludlow reported on drinking fountains, that complete information was now at hand and would like authority to go ahead with this work. Councilman Hitchcock moved permission be granted the committee to go ahead with installation of the fountains. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow brought up the matter of the city becoming a member of the Association of City Planners of Los Angeles County for the coming year and moved that we go in for one year's membership. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow inquired as to the stop sign situation. Councilman Conner reported the stop sign situation has been taken care of.

Councilman Ludlow asked City Engineer Leonard about the Torrance Boulevard project. Engineer Leonard reported that this project was under consideration by the County Road Commissioner and it was hoped that certain details could be worked out satisfactory but that there was nothing definite to report.

Attorney Jensen reported with reference to Prairie Avenue Litigation, that the case would be up for trial in a short time.

Councilman Ludlow brought up the question of the extension of Cedar Avenue across the General Petroleum property, stating that there had been several General Petroleum employees who had informed him that they would live in Torrance provided there was any direct way of getting into the city from their work and he asked Engineer Leonard whether there were any new developments in the matter of the extension of this street. The Engineer stated that he had taken the matter up with the manager of the Land Department of the General Petroleum Corporation, that the policy of the Oil Company was to prevent the building of roads across their land and had stated that their chief reason for locating in Torrance was the possibility of having a large tract of land across which there would be no traveled highway. The Engineer called to their attention that when the land was bought the extension of Cedar Avenue, at that time, known as the Palos Verdes Parkway 225 ft. wide was supposed to be an assured highway and that it was so understood when the land was purchased by them. It now appears that the General Petroleum Corporation has purchased the 225 ft. strip of land and proposes to prevent any public highway being built from the extension of Cedar Avenue to 190th Street. The Engineer also stated that the General Petroleum Corporation would consider the matter further and inform the city as to their future attitude concerning streets across their land. Councilman Conner stated that he believed some representative from the General Petroleum Corporation, should be asked to meet with representatives of the Council on the ground and see if this matter could not be definitely adjusted making it possible for people working for the General Petroleum to get into the city by direct route. Councilman Ludlow suggested that if possible such arrangements should be made and that the City Engineer be instructed to make such arrangements with the manager of the Land Department representing the General Petroleum.

Councilman Ludlow stated several citizens have been to see him with reference to the list of names of those working in rotation for the city. Street Superintendent Gascoigne reported lists are posted in WALTERIA, Lomita and down at the City Yard together with the last number called.

Mayor Klusman stated yesterday his attention had been called to the need for improving Eldorado and Elm Streets so that the children could get to and from the school building. Engineer Leonard was asked with reference to the cost of putting in temporary pavement to meet the present needs and stated that the expense would be nominal but was needed. Councilman Ludlow moved that the Street Department be authorized to proceed with the work, the motion was seconded by Councilman Conner and duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Conner read a letter, addressed to himself, regarding private police operation in the downtown district from E. C. Morrow of Torrance. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the proper committee and report back at the next meeting. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow inquired if there was any new developments in the water case, and Attorney Jensen reported that the case was still in court.

Councilman Conner brought up the matter of the much delayed improvement of Cabrillo Avenue, stating that there had been a tentative offer from some of the Supervisors in which considerable County aid had been offered and called upon City Engineer Leonard for a statement as to any new developments in regard to the street. The Engineer stated that over a year ago proposals had been made by the Pacific Electric Railway Company to move the tracks to the center of

the right of way and permit the city to pave the street full width and that at the time this offer was made, the Board of Supervisors had been requested to contribute a portion of the expense as this was a direct outlet toward the Harbor for Western Avenue travel. The Engineer stated that he believed the County recognized the need of this outlet and expected to make it a part of the Sepulveda Boulevard project and thus the city would secure some County contribution to meet the expense of the improvement. Mr. Roberts, from the audience, spoke calling attention to the importance of the Cabrillo Avenue improvement as being necessary for access to the Harbor District.

Councilman Wright stated there was an oil derrick in unsafe condition at 2628 Pine Street and that the owner had been notified that the derrick would have to be removed or put in a safe condition, but no action had been taken and requested that the oil company be required to either put the derrick in a safe condition or remove it. Engineer Leonard stated that notice was sent to the Woolner Oil Company, the owner of the derrick, on January 9th., calling attention to the unsafe condition of the derrick and requesting that it be removed or put in safe condition and that Mr. Woolner had personally called in reference to the matter and had stated that the derrick would either be removed at once or put in proper shape. Councilman Ludlow moved that the proper committee act with the City Engineer and take immediate action to see that the danger and fire menace was removed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, and carried unanimously.

Attorney Jensen stated we have no ordinance regarding auto wrecking yards. Councilman Hitchcock moved the City Attorney be instructed to draw up such an ordinance and submit it to the Council for approval. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Klusman inquired of Attorney Jensen what had been done about the Lomita Fire Tax stating some action must be taken regarding this matter. Attorney Jensen reported that the County Board of Supervisors would have to act in this matter.

Dr. Van Velzer, in the audience, stated he would like if possible some assistance from the Council to aid in preventing ill health and sickness in the New Haven Camp located in the County, stating there were about 60 babies and children not getting milk and that about \$10.00 a month would be needed, that the County organizations are doing what they could but the aid was not sufficient. It was explained by members of the Council that the city could not legally appropriate moneys for this purpose. After some further discussion the City Engineer stated he would see that \$10.00 worth of milk a month for the next three months would be furnished the camp to supply milk for these babies.

A request for a permit to establish and locate an oil rack to dispose of filtered and refined oil on the west side of Arlington south of Plaza Del Amo was made. Councilman Ludlow moved that a temporary permit be granted provided that the permit would be void if there should be objections filed with the Council by those living in the vicinity. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Klusman
Mayor of the City of Torrance.